

# 2009 FISHING FORECAST

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

The fishing forecast is based on 2008 fish population surveys, planned fish stockings, and projections for 2009.

Location/Species	Forecast	Comments
<b>BARKLEY LAKE and TAILWATER</b> 45,600 acres (Trigg, Lyon and Livingston counties)		
Blue catfish	Good	Good numbers of 10-20 pounders with the occasional 50+ pound fish. Best fishing is during late spring and summer along deep river channels. Fishing has been tougher during the recent drought conditions, but the fish are still there. Blue catfish can be caught year-round in the tailwater.
Bluegill	Excellent	Increasing numbers of fish up to 9 inches; the best fishing comes in May on sand or gravel spawning beds. Crickets and worms under corks during the spawn is a good option. Fish move deeper as the water warms in summer.
Channel catfish	Good	Best fishing is during May along rocky banks and during summer along the main river channel and adjacent flats. Try stink bait in shallow water in the spring. Channel catfish can also be caught year-round in the tailwater.
Crappie	Good	A lot of reports of people catching fewer fish, but fish that are caught are large (>12 inches). White crappie are associated with structure, either brush piles as they move shallow in the spring, or ledges when they move to deeper water for the summer. Black crappie are caught by casting jigs along rocky banks in the spring and fall.
Largemouth bass	Excellent	Fishing continues to improve with excellent numbers of fish >15 inches and increasing numbers of fish >20 inches. Fish shallow during spring with jigs and plastics. Post spawn fish move to drop offs in the main lake and mouths of the bays. Try fishing Carolina rigs, jigs, and crankbaits in deeper water. In fall, bass move into the bays to feed on shad.
Redear sunfish	Excellent	High numbers of 8-12 inch fish. Prime fishing occurs in late April and throughout May as fish are spawning. Fish can be found in areas with gravel substrate and vegetation. Redear generally spawn a bit deeper than bluegill.
Sauger	Fair	Population consisting of some harvestable-size (>14-inch) fish. Many fish are caught trolling deep diving crankbaits near secondary channel breaks during the early summer. Sauger can also be caught while fishing for catfish along the main river channel.
Smallmouth bass	Fair	Smallmouth bass make up a small portion of the total bass population but are common in certain habitats. Best opportunity is around rocky shorelines, main lake points, and the canal during late winter and early spring with jerk baits.
Striped bass	Good	The best fishing is in the Barkley Dam tailwater. Striped bass will school up during periods of discharge downstream from the generator section of the dam. Look for schools of shad breaking the surface during summer and fall in the reservoir, using topwater and blade-baits. The population is limited in the lake. Most are caught fishing ledges for white bass.
White bass	Fair	Fishing success has been pretty good the last few years. Look for schools of shad breaking the surface during summer and fall. If you can't find them working the surface, then fish along ledges on the main lake with a spoon or inline spinner. Similar to striped bass, good fishing occurs in the tailwaters.
<b>BARREN RIVER</b>		
Hybrid striped bass	Good	Barren River Lake tailwater area fishing is best, especially during or following periods of heavy lake discharges. Good success also below instream dams in Bowling Green and Greencastle areas.
Muskellunge	Good	Focus effort at the mouth of feeder creeks and around wood structure or other current breaks during the summer months. Some catches reported in Barren River Lake tailwater area.

Smallmouth bass	Good	Fishing best from dam to Bowling Green. Below Bowling Green good fish available, but more scattered.
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<b>BARREN RIVER LAKE</b>	10,000 acres	(Allen and Barren counties)
Bluegill (sunfish)	Good	Good numbers of heavy 6–8 inch fish. Fish stump beds and back of coves during the spring and fish deeper in the summer along rock outcrops.
Catfish	Excellent	Good populations of channel and flathead catfish present with good numbers of larger individuals. Best fishing is during June when spawning occurs along rock outcrops and in the back of smaller coves. Use live or cut bait, chicken liver and night crawlers in the summer. Night fishing generally best.
Crappie	Fair	Black crappie comprise the majority of the crappie population. Fish from the 2005 and 2006 spawns should be above the 9-inch size limit. White crappie will be in short supply, but most will be 10-12 inches or better. Target shallower water to find black crappie in spring and early summer. Summer fishing is best around deeper structure and fish attractor sites.
Hybrid striped bass	Good	Overall numbers are good with large fish (20-inch+) available. In spring, focus on headwaters with spinner rigs and crankbaits. Target main lake (around islands in lower lake) early in the morning and at dusk in the summer and fall with crankbaits and spoons as schools appear throughout the lake. Look for areas where fish are working bait into the shallows, this can be some very thrilling fishing. Some fish taken during the winter months scattered throughout the lake.
Largemouth bass	Excellent	Average numbers of 15-inch+ fish are available. Numbers of fish greater than 20 inches are on the rise.
White bass	Poor	Population still low. Often found in mixed schools with hybrid striped bass. Best bet is targeting headwater areas during spawning runs in late March to mid April.
Yellow bass	Excellent	Yellow bass have been abundant since their introduction in 2003. Compared to white bass and hybrid striped bass they are smaller (6-9 inches), have darker lines on the side with broken lines on the lower rear portion (the broken lines appear to be in a line), and are yellow in appearance. Fishing methods similar to white bass using smaller jigs and spinners.

<b>BEAVER LAKE</b>	158 acres	(Anderson County)
Bluegill	Good	Good numbers of 7-8 inch fish; fish up to 10 inches present.
Channel catfish	Good	4,000 channel catfish stocked annually; fish over 15 inches common. Fall fishing good in shallows in coves.
Crappie	Fair	Good numbers of fish between 8-10 inches.
Largemouth bass	Good	Excellent numbers of bass up to 12 inches; should see an increase in 12-15 inch bass; good potential for a bass over 20 inches in lower lake.
Redear sunfish	Good	Many 7-9 inch fish available around vegetation; 10-11 inch fish possible.

<b>BESHEAR LAKE</b>	760 acres	(Caldwell and Christian counties)
Blue catfish	Fair	A small number (5/acre) were stocked in the fall of 2005-2008. Their size ranged from 8-12 inches. Recent sampling indicates the fish are adapting well, and growing fast. Some already measure 25 inches and weigh over 5 pounds.
Bluegill	Fair	Numerous small fish with occasional 8-inch fish caught.

Channel catfish	Excellent	The numbers of channel catfish may be down since we reduced the number of fish stocked, but growth has increased. This has resulted in higher numbers of fish longer than 15 inches. Better quality fish are being caught. Channel catfish are stocked every other year.
Crappie	Fair	Numerous fish in the 6-8 inch range, with an occasional 10-inch fish. Best fishing during spring in areas of aquatic vegetation and around woody structure.
Largemouth bass	Excellent	Population is dominated by bass 15-18 inches. Best fishing during spring when fish move to shallow water, along the water willow and lily pads. Try fishing the edges of these weeds with a pearl colored fluke using a

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**BOLTZ LAKE** 92 acres (Grant County)

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Blue catfish	Fair	Over 900 blue catfish stocked annually, 25-inch+ fish possible.
Bluegill	Fair	Many 6-8 inch fish.
Channel catfish	Fair	2,300 channel catfish stocked annually; fish over 15 inches common.
Crappie	Fair	Fair numbers of fish between 6-8 inches; larger fish possible.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Good numbers of quality bass; higher numbers of 15-inch fish common.
Redear sunfish	Poor	Low numbers of 6-8 inch fish available around vegetation.

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**BRIGGS LAKE** 18 acres (Logan County)

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Bluegill	Good	Good numbers of 6-8 inch fish available.
Channel catfish	Good	All sizes available. Stocked annually.
Largemouth bass	Fair/ Good	Numerous 11-13 inch fish; better than average numbers of larger fish (18-inch+) available.
Redear sunfish	Good	Better than average numbers of larger fish (8-inch+) available. Larger fish found in the shallows early in the spring (late March–April). Redear move to deeper water in summer (6-7 feet).

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**BUCKHORN LAKE and TAILWATER** 1,250 acres (Leslie and Perry counties)

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Bluegill	Fair	Good size distribution.
Catfish	Good	Stable population of both channel and flathead catfish. Tailwater provides additional good fishery. During 2007 sampling, a few flathead catfish were observed above 50 pounds.
Crappie	Good	Excellent numbers up to 9 inches with larger fish up to 14 inches. January-April is one of best times to fish when the water is drawn down and fish are confined to the lake channel. Excellent fishing also occurs during July-August on shallow mud flats adjacent to main lake channel.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Excellent growth rates of young bass and good numbers of 15-inch+ fish. Good size distribution, but low overall numbers. Fingerling bass were stocked in the fall of 2005, 2006, and 2008 to make up for poor spawns.
Muskellunge	Good	Good numbers of musky from mid-30 to mid-40 inch range. Spring and summer fishing during 2007 was tough presumably due to abnormal weather patterns and pool fluctuations. Tailwater has good numbers of catchable fish from January-March.
White bass	Fair	Very low numbers of large fish. Many 5-7 inch fish observed in 2008. Look for a good pulse of catchable sized fish in late 2009 and good numbers of quality fish in 2010.

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**BULLOCK PEN LAKE** 134 acres (Grant County)

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Blue catfish	Fair	Over 900 blue catfish stocked annually, 25-inch+ fish possible.
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Bluegill	Poor	Most fish are 6 inches or less, but are abundant.
Channel catfish	Good	3,350 channel catfish stocked annually; potential for larger fish.
Crappie	Fair	Most under 9 inches.
Largemouth bass	Good	Good numbers at and above size limit; quality size fish possible.
Redear sunfish	Poor	Very low numbers.
White bass	Fair	Small population of large fish in the 14-17 inch range.

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**CARPENTER LAKE**    64 acres    (Davie County)

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Bluegill	Fair/Good	Most fish 6-7 inches, but a few larger fish are available.
Channel catfish	Good	Stocked annually.
Largemouth bass	Good	Decent number of 12-15 inch fish. A few larger (18-20 inch) fish available.
Redear sunfish	Poor/Fair	Low numbers. Most fish 7-9 inches.

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**CARR CREEK LAKE**    710 acres    (Knott County)

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Hydrilla was documented in Carr Creek Lake for the first time in 2008. Boaters are asked to take measures to prevent the spread of this damaging

Crappie	Poor	Very heavy fishing pressure with occasional fishing success; some fish up to 15 inches.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Extremely low natural reproduction in recent years. Fingerlings were stocked in the fall between 2004 and 2008 to make up for poor spawns. Improving numbers of larger fish. Fish greater than 20 inches are available.
Smallmouth bass	Poor	Low numbers but fish sampled up to 20 inches.
Spotted bass	Good	Fish are concentrated in lower and mid-lake regions. A few large fish up to 16 inches are present with the majority from 7-12 inches. Rocky shoreline at dam is a good area for large fish.
Walleye	Excellent	Very high numbers of fish from 15-26 inches with a few fish up to 30 inches. March through May are good months to try during day or night.

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**CAVE RUN LAKE**    8,270 acres    (Bath, Menifee, Rowan and Morgan counties)

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The beds of aquatic vegetation continue to expand (mainly in the lower sections of the lake, the Beaver Creek area, and the Poppin Rock area). If this

Bluegill	Good	Widespread within the lake; most 7 inches long or less, but it is not unusual to catch 7-8 inch fish. Look for bluegill early in the year in the back of coves in shallow areas that warm early. Later around stumps or sunken woody structure within many areas of the lake.
Catfish	Good	Good numbers of channel catfish up to two feet long with a few larger fish. While not as plentiful as the channel catfish, flathead catfish are common and trophy sized fish are present. Both species are found along shallow, rocky shoreline areas in early May-June where they seek spawning cavities in rock piles and submerged logs. Later in the year they tend to be found in deeper water.

Crappie	Fair	Spring fishing success should be similar to that found in 2008. Six to eight inch crappie are the most common size found, but fair numbers of 10-12 inch fish can be found during spring and fall months. Fishing tends to be tougher through the summer months. During the spring, look for black crappie in the shallows near shore and later in the year they can be found along the weed beds. For the last several years crappie numbers have been on the decline but seem to have stabilized in 2008. This cyclic population should produce increased catches for a couple of years especially if the water remains clear in 2009.
Largemouth bass	Good	Try fishing the edges and pockets of the weed beds and fallen trees. Largemouth bass are much more numerous within the upper lake reaches. In the lower lake, largemouth bass are more common within embayment areas especially around woody structure. Try the North Fork area, especially rock banks warmed by the morning sun in April and May. The slot limit and aquatic vegetation growth continue to help the largemouth bass population. <u>Note</u> : 13-16 inch protective slot limit.
Muskellunge	Excellent	Trophy fish are numerous in the lake with good chances of catching a fish over 40 inches. There is even a chance of catching a fish over 50 inches. Excellent angling could be due to the catch and release practices by muskie anglers. <u>Note</u> : 30-inch minimum size, one fish creel limit.
Smallmouth bass	Fair	Chiefly found, but not very common, in the lower lake areas but are rare within the Licking and North Fork areas. Look for them off rocky points or shoreline areas along the main lake. <u>Note</u> : 18-inch minimum size limit.
Spotted bass	Good	Numerous within the mid and lower main lake shoreline; become less common within the upper reaches of the lake. Most less than 13 inches.
White bass	Good	Should provide some good action. Look for them up lake early in the spring and in the jumps with the gizzard shad in the hot months of the year. There are good numbers of fish 11-15 inches; some larger. <u>Note</u> : no more than 5 white bass in the daily creel limit may be greater than 15 inches.

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**CEDAR CREEK LAKE**    784 acres    (Lincoln County)

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Bluegill	Fair	Abundant smaller fish but few reach 7 inches.
Channel catfish	Good	Abundant smaller (<13-inch) catfish with fair numbers of 14-20 inch fish.
Crappie	Fair	Fairly abundant 6-8 inch fish; relatively few crappie exceed 9 inches.
Largemouth bass	Excellent	Good density of 17-20 inch fish with increasing numbers of fish exceeding 20 inches. <u>Note</u> : a trophy regulation of a 20-inch minimum size limit, 1 fish creel limit is in effect on this lake.
Redear sunfish	Good	Good numbers of 6-9 inch fish.

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**CHENOA LAKE**    35 acres    (Bell County)

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This lake contains the aquatic plant watershield (*Brasenia schreberi*), which typically covers much of the shallow water areas and makes fishing difficult.

Bluegill	Good	Good population of 6-8 inch fish.
Largemouth bass	Good	Good density of 12-15 inch fish with some larger (18-inch+) fish available.
Redear sunfish	Good	Less numerous than bluegill but fish exceeding 8 inches are available.

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**CLEAR CREEK LAKE**    40 acres    (Bath County)

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Eurasian water milfoil has covered a good portion of the lake; therefore fishing may be difficult especially in the fall. Grass carp were stocked in 2007 and

Bluegill	Good	Very good numbers of 6-7 inch bluegill with occasional 8-inch fish caught. Fish shallow shoreline areas in spring especially behind standing timber.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Lake receives heavy pressure reducing the overall numbers of bass, but a few in the 20-25 inch range have been sampled.
Redear sunfish	Good	Good population of 7-8 inch fish with several 9 and 10 inch fish present.

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**CORINTH LAKE** 96 acres (Grant County)

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Bluegill	Fair	Numbers of quality-size fish decreased.
Channel catfish	Good	2,400 channel catfish stocked annually; fish over 15 inches common.
Crappie	Fair	8-9 inch fish are possible.
Largemouth bass	Good	Most bass between 12-15 inches. Increased number of larger fish.
Redear sunfish	Good	Fair numbers of fish greater than 8 inches; numbers of quality-size fish continue to decrease.

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**CUMBERLAND LAKE** 50,250 acres (Russell, Wayne, Clinton, and Pulaski counties)

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The boundaries of Lake Cumberland are now defined as Cumberland Falls on the Cumberland River, Devils Jump on the Big South Fork, the Narrows of

Bluegill	Good	Numerous 5-7 inch bluegill available.
Channel catfish	Excellent	Overlooked fishery offers excellent numbers of 16-20 inch fish.
Crappie	Good	Fairly low density population but should be adequate numbers of keeper (10-inch+) crappie with occasional catches of larger (>12-inch) crappie. Best catches in upper half of lake.
Largemouth bass	Good	Increasing numbers of 15-20 inch fish.
Smallmouth bass	Excellent	Good winter fishery. Plenty of 15-18 inch fish present with increasing numbers of 18-inch+ fish.
Spotted bass	Excellent	Numerous fish available with good density of relatively large 13-17 inch fish.
Striped bass	Good	Several year-classes of fish available; strong 2006 year class should reach legal size (24 inches) in 2009, providing numerous 24-26 inch fish. Should also be good catches of 8-15 lb fish, with fish larger than 15 lb caught occasionally.
Walleye	Good	Still a good population in the lake although numbers may be down slightly from 2007 and 2008. Most fish will be 2-4 pounds. Upper half of lake is better for numbers.
White bass	Poor	Population density remains low. For best success, try headwater areas in early spring.

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**CUMBERLAND LAKE TAILWATER** (Russell, Cumberland, Clinton, and Monroe counties)

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Striped bass	Fair	Fairly low density, but good size (15-pounds+). Mid and lower sections of river are best.
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Rainbow trout	Excellent	Abundant 11-15 inch fish and good density of slot sized (15-20 inch) rainbow trout. Anglers may see a slight increase in 20-inch and larger fish. Continued dam repairs and drought conditions may concentrate trout in upper portion of the tailwater.
Brown trout	Excellent	Anglers should continue to see good numbers of 15-20 inch brown trout. Brown trout greater than 20 inches are not uncommon.

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**DALE HOLLOW LAKE** 4,300 acres in Kentucky (Clinton and Cumberland counties)

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Largemouth bass	Good	Sampling in 2008 showed good numbers of 14-17 inch fish.
Smallmouth bass	Excellent	Premier smallmouth bass fishery. Several fish larger than 3 pounds.
Spotted bass	Good	Good size distribution. Several fish in the 12-15 inch range.

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**DEWEY LAKE** 1,100 acres (Floyd County)

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Zebra mussels and hydrilla are present at Dewey Lake. Boaters are asked to take measures to prevent the spread of these damaging invasive species by

Channel catfish	Good	Stable population of channel catfish. Good numbers found in the lower lake during winter months. The upper lake is best in the summer months.
Crappie	Fair	High numbers of fish with the majority less than 9 inches. Black and white crappie present but dominated by white crappie.
Flathead catfish	Good	Good size distribution with a few large fish from 20-40 pounds caught each year. Popular with ticklers/noodlers in June; try fishing shallow in September and October.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Bass continue to show good size distribution and numbers. Continued spread of hydrilla could lead to poor growth in the future.
Redear sunfish	Good	Supplemental stockings have improved numbers. Find spawning colonies in April for great panfish action.
White bass	Good	Numbers increasing; good spawns in 2001, 2002, and 2008. A stocking program was initiated in 2003 and continued through 2007. Locating them or their schools is key to any degree of success.

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**ELKHORN CREEK** – main stem and North Fork (Franklin and Scott counties)

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Channel catfish	Good	Large fish possible in bigger pools; good numbers of “keeper” fish.
Largemouth bass	Good	Quality fishing found in slow moving pools in the North Fork. <u>Note:</u> 12-16 inch slot limit applies on main stem.
Rock Bass	Excellent	Many fish between 7-9 inches in main stem and in the lower North Fork section.
Smallmouth bass	Excellent	Good numbers of smallmouth bass, especially on the main stem. Good numbers of fish greater than 16 inches. <u>Note:</u> 12-16 inch slot limit applies on main stem.

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**ELMER DAVIS LAKE** 149 acres (Owen County)

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Bluegill	Excellent	Good numbers above 8 inches; many around beaver lodges. Bluegill 9 inches or larger possible.
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Channel catfish	Good	3,725 channel catfish stocked annually; fish over 15 inches possible.
Crappie	Fair	Most around 9-11 inches.
Largemouth bass	Good	Plenty of bass under 12-15 inch slot limit with good numbers in the protected slot. Bass numbers greater than 15 inches are stable. Weed beds are back. Trophy size possible.
Redear sunfish	Excellent	Fish greater than 8 inches possible near weed beds or on spawning beds in upper embayments. "Shellcrackers" greater than 10 inches present.
Warmouth	Fair	Nice sized fish present, usually around weed beds. (Locally known as "redeye" or "rockbass".)

<b>FAGAN BRANCH LAKE</b>	<b>140 acres</b>	<b>(Marion County)</b>
Bluegill	Good	Good numbers of 7-inch+ fish available.
Channel catfish	Good	Good numbers of 12-15 inch fish. Stocked every other year.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Stable population but slower growing. Fair numbers of 12-inch fish available.
Redear sunfish	Excellent	Above average numbers of larger fish (8-inch+) present.
Smallmouth bass	Fair	12-inch+ fish available with occasional larger fish (18-inch+). Concentrate on dam areas.

<b>FISHPOND LAKE</b>	<b>32 acres</b>	<b>(Letcher County)</b>
Bluegill	Good	Good numbers and size distribution up to 10 inches; largest individuals will be deeper than young fish. Try night fishing for large fish under overhanging shoreline brush and trees. Warmouth are another panfish available at Fishpond Lake.
Channel catfish	Fair	Lake receives annual stocking; fish up to 21 inches present. Night fishing may produce best results.
Largemouth bass	Excellent	Very good size distribution of fish up to 24 inches and 10 pounds. Water is very clear and fish are often very difficult to catch during daylight hours. Rainbow trout provide supplemental forage to largest individuals.
Rainbow trout	Good	Fishing is best near months stocked. Stockings are in January, April, May, and October. Due to clear water most fishing is done at night. A few trout will oversummer in most years providing fish up to 16 inches.

<b>FISHTRAP LAKE and TAILWATER</b>	<b>1,131 acres</b>	<b>(Pike County)</b>
Bluegill	Good	Some large bluegill available up to 11-12 inches; May and June have been popular months for angling.
Channel catfish	Good	Good numbers and size distribution found throughout the lake.
Crappie	Good	2008 proved to be another excellent year for crappie. The population may be down slightly from 2008. There are still good numbers of 9 inch and larger fish. Try fishing cover at mid depths in the lower lake during
Flathead catfish	Good	Good size distribution. Largest fish sampled in lower lake with good numbers found up into headwater area of lake.
Hybrid striped bass	Excellent	Very good numbers of hybrids in the lower lake. Fair spawning run in headwaters in April. Night fishing has
Largemouth bass	Good	Fair numbers with excellent size distribution and good growth. Ratio of keeper size bass is one of the best in
Smallmouth bass	Good	Population continues to grow, and totals approximately 15% of all black bass species in the lake. Good fishing primarily in the headwaters of the lake up into the Levisa Fork River and in the lower portion of the lake from Grapevine to dam. Large individuals up to 22 inches.



White bass	Poor	A few large white bass can be found scattered around the lake usually roaming with hybrid striped bass.
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**GRAYSON LAKE**    1,512 acres    (Carter and Elliott counties)

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Bluegill	Good	Numerous, up to 7 inches and widespread throughout the lake. Try fishing 5-6 feet deep in May and June.
Catfish	Good	Widespread throughout the lake. Fair numbers of channel and flathead catfish up to 20 inches, some trophy sized flathead catfish. Try fishing the middle and upper sections in early fall.
Crappie	Fair	Success should be as good if not better than 2008. In Grayson, it is important to fish around cover as that is where the fish are congregated. Cover should be relatively easy to find in this cliff bound lake. The upper portion around the Bruin ramp provides a good chance of catching nice sized white crappie, and the middle section provides the best chances for a black crappie.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Found lake wide, most numerous of the black bass species. Population tends to decline after the 12-inch size class in spite of the minimum size limit. Try fishing the upper reaches of the lake in the early spring; some 5 to 6 pound bass can be found here. <u>Note</u> : 15-inch minimum size limit.
Spotted bass	Fair	Stable population; numbers decline above 11 inches; most fish found in lower 2/3 of lake.
Smallmouth bass	Poor	Population exists, but not routinely captured in our sampling efforts. <u>Note</u> : 15-inch minimum size limit.

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**GREEN RIVER**    (dam at Rochester down to mouth at Spottsville)

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Catfish	Good	Good populations of channel, blue, and flathead catfish. Trophy size blue and flathead catfish available. Good bets are tailwaters below locks and dams, in deeper holes, and around logs, brush, or rocks.
Crappie	Fair/Good	Fish tributary mouths and brush along bank in spring and fall. Use live minnows for best results.
Striped and hybrid striped bass	Good	Good numbers below dams late spring through early fall. Use topwater baits or lead head jigs with white or chartreuse bodies cast into boils below dams. A rise and fall in the river can increase activity.
White bass	Good	Good at tributary mouths in spring and below dams in summer. Top water baits or lead head jigs below dams in summer and lead head jigs or live bait at tributary mouths during spring.

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**GREEN RIVER**    (dam at Rochester up to Green River Lake Dam)

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Muskellunge	Good	Fishing best at feeder creek mouths and around wood structure or other current breaks. Fishing below instream dams is also a good bet. Fish stocked annually throughout river above Rochester.
Smallmouth bass	Good	Fishing best below dam to 31E in Hart County.
Walleye	Fair	Fishing best below Green River Lake dam area and locks during late winter and early spring. Stocked annually throughout the river.

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**GREEN RIVER LAKE**    8,210 acres    (Taylor and Adair counties)

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Bluegill	Fair/Good	Large population with some 7-8 inch fish. Fish stump beds and back ends of coves during spring and deep water brush and structure during summer.
Channel catfish	Excellent	All sizes available. Fishing best at night or when water levels are on the rise and muddy.
Largemouth bass	Good/Excellent	Good numbers of 16-18 inch fish from strong year class/spawn of 2004. Better than average numbers of larger fish (18-inch+) available.

Muskellunge	Excellent	Legal sized fish abundant. Good numbers of 40-inch+ fish. Fall, late winter and spring excellent time to catch trophy fish. Population maintained by annual stocking.
Smallmouth Bass	Fair	All sizes present with opportunity for trophy-sized fish; most abundant in mid/lower sections of Robinson Creek and Green River arms.
Spotted Bass	Fair	Better than average numbers of fish larger than 12 inches available. Occasional 15-inch+ fish available.
Walleye	Good	Walleye numbers better than normal bolstered by good 2006 year class/stocking. Larger fish (19-inch+) numbers also better than average. Target dam area and up in headwater areas of Robinson Creek and Green River arms in late February through mid to late March. During summer and fall, concentrate on standing timber coves, main lake stump beds, humps, and channel drop offs. Population maintained by annual stocking.
White Crappie	Good	Good numbers of harvestable size fish (9-inches+) to start the year. Better than average numbers of 10-inch+ fish.
White bass	Poor	Overall numbers are very low, but those available will be larger fish (15-inches+). Best opportunity will be fishing upper reaches of lake arms in late March and early April during spawning run. Prospects for early and late surface activity/jumps in summer and fall is poor due to low numbers.

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**GREENBO LAKE**    181 acres    (Greenup County - Greenbo State Park)

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Bluegill	Fair	Gradually improving population; larger fish (up to 10 inches) are caught early to late spring in deep-water structure. Try fishing near beaver lodges. <u>Note:</u> bluegill and other sunfish -15 fish daily creel limit.
Channel catfish	Good	Stocked annually; many 2-3 pound fish observed during fall sampling.
Largemouth bass	Good	Good bass population but very difficult lake to fish. Good numbers of fish over 15 inches. Potential for trophy size bass. Due to water clarity, anglers may have to fish deeper when fishing this lake. In the fall of 2008, 2,715 4.5-inch largemouth bass were stocked to offset the effects of the poor spawn in that year.
Rainbow trout	Excellent	Annually stocked population with some carry-over. Best fishing year round is in the open lake area; during the spring and summer try fishing at night under lights. Winter fishing can also be good.
Redear sunfish	Fair	Numbers low, however a few 8-13 inch fish can be found. After the spawn, try fishing in deeper water near the bottom. <u>Note:</u> see bluegill regulation.

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**GUIST CREEK LAKE**    317 acres    (Shelby County)

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Bluegill	Fair	Many fish, most 5-7 inches. Easy to catch; good place to take a child fishing with live bait.
Channel catfish	Excellent	Very good numbers of fish with potential for trophies. <u>Note:</u> This lake is home to current bullhead catfish and white catfish state records.
Common Carp	Good	Bottom-fish with grain-based bait; 3 to 4 lb. fish common.
Crappie	Fair	Numerous, most in the 6-8 inch range.
Hybrid striped bass	Fair	Many fish in the 20-25 inch range; potential for trophy-sized fish.
Largemouth bass	Excellent	Very good numbers of fish over the 12-inch size limit; good potential for a trophy fish.

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**HERRINGTON LAKE**    2,500 acres    (Mercer, Boyle and Garrard counties)

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Bluegill	Good	Stable number of fish up to 8 inches in and around cover in embayments and inlets of rock walls. Best April-June.
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Common Carp	Fair	Fish in coves or headwaters with grain-based baits on bottom.
Crappie	Good	Difficult to locate but many quality-size (9 inches or larger) available; best around brush in upper half of lake. Potential for large black crappie around debris in inlets in main lake.
Flathead catfish	Good	All sizes present; usually feed at night on sunfish and shad.
Hybrid striped bass	Good	Two to five pound fish are common; possible trophy-sized fish.
Largemouth bass	Good	Good numbers of fish over 12 inches, many over 15 inches; largest fish around shoreline cover in March and April; potential for trophy sized fish. Best success in the upper half of lake. Good at night during the summer.
Longnose gar	Good	Large fish common; look for them around schools of shad; schooling common in fall; potential trophy size.
White bass	Good	Should see good numbers during the spring run up the Dix River; good numbers of fish in the 12-14 inch range. (Winter and spring rains should improve the spring spawning run). Trophy-size present.

<b>KENTUCKY LAKE and TAILWATER</b>		
51,000 acres (Marshall, Calloway, Lyon, Livingston and Trigg counties)		
Blue catfish	Excellent	Best fishing on main lake during summer along deep channels. Drift using live shiners or cut shad/skipjack in areas where creek channels meet the main river channel. Other baits to try include chicken hearts, night crawlers, grass hoppers or catalpa worms. Year-round fishing in the tailwater. Expect construction in tailwater area, with limited bank fishing.
Bluegill	Excellent	Seeing good numbers of 6-8 inch fish. The best fishing is in May. Crickets and worms under corks during the spawn are great baits. Later in summer try the stake beds or deep (6-10 foot water) brush piles. Catch bluegill in a feeding frenzy during the summer months where mayflies are hatching along the shoreline.
Channel catfish	Excellent	Best fishing during late spring along chunky rock shoreline of the lake and rip-rap shoreline around dam and marinas. Good fishing along river channel during summer and on flats along the secondary channels. Year-round fishing in the tailwater. Expect construction in tailwater area, with limited bank fishing.
Crappie	Good	The population has good numbers of 11-13 inch fish and low numbers of sub-legal size crappie. A lot of the keeper size crappie are black crappie, which prefer clear water and gravelly shoreline. Crappie are
Largemouth bass	Excellent	Lots of 8-12 inch bass due to above average spawns the past two years. Number of bass above 15 inches still remains high, and more 20-inch+ bass are being caught. Aquatic vegetation found in some embayments will provide exciting topwater fishing during the summer and fall. Shallow cover such as buttonball bushes and fallen trees along the shoreline is best in the spring. Deeper ledges and channels are better in the summer when there is some current, but bass can also be found chasing shad minnows in the shallow flats late in the afternoon.
Redear sunfish	Excellent	Moderate numbers of 8-12 inch redear. Best fishing is in late April and early May. Fish in areas with gravel substrate and vegetation such as the yellow mustard flowers inundated by water. Submerged pondweed clumps also hold redear sunfish. These fish primarily feed on the bottom for bugs, snails and small mussels; hence you need to fish near or on the bottom. Redear generally spawn a little deeper than bluegill.
Sauger	Fair	Moderate population of harvestable-size (>14-inch) fish. Best fishing is in fall and winter along secondary channels. Try trolling crankbaits. Higher abundance of harvestable-size sauger in the tailwater area; good winter fishery. Expect construction in tailwater area, with limited bank fishing.
Smallmouth bass	Good	Best fishing along rocky shorelines and bluffs, creek channels at mouths of embayments, the canal main lake points, and main lake stumps. Night fishing during the summer months along gravel bars at the mouths of LBL embayments and rocky shoreline is good with dark color spinnerbait or crayfish colored creature baits.
Spotted bass	Fair	Moderate numbers 12-15 inches in length. Spotted bass are not normally targeted, but caught while fishing for largemouth or smallmouth bass. Spotted bass migrate to the streams at the backs of embayments during

Striped bass	Fair	Striped bass and their hybrids are being caught from the lake while fishing for white bass. Trolling with 6-inch deep diver baits which imitate minnows is effective. Better fishing is below Kentucky Dam in the tailwater. Fish congregate below the dam during periods of discharge through the generator section of dam. Expect construction in tailwater area, with limited bank fishing.
White bass	Fair	Fishing on main lake in the summer when white bass are found along secondary creek channels near main river channel. Look for main channel points and bends; also near the canal. Good numbers in the Kentucky Dam tailwater along with its cousin the yellow bass. Expect construction in tailwater area, with limited bank fishing.

Location/Species	Forecast	Comments
<b>KENTUCKY RIVER</b>	255 miles (main stem)	
Bluegill*	Fair	Shoreline areas around woody debris out of the current hold some quality fish but in low numbers.
Channel catfish	Fair	Look for silt-free rocky habitat or below dams or palisades.
Common Carp	Fair	Bottom fish with grain-based baits below dams.
Crappie*	Good	Locate in backwater/creek-mouth areas with low current; fish up to 12 inches or more possible.
Flathead catfish	Fair	Large fish present around large boulders and log jams.
Hybrid striped bass	Fair	Sporadic catches of 15-20 inch fish below dams. Numbers are increasing due to a stocking program which began in 2006.
Largemouth bass*	Good	Locate in cover just below dams, in creek mouths, bank slides, or around timber.
Muskellunge	Fair	Best in spring around creek mouths and in summer around timber and creek mouths. Stocked annually in upper river. More fish in upper half of river (Pools 6-14).
Sauger	Fair	Found around sand bars, creek mouths, and below dams around rock and sand bars. Numbers are increasing due to a stocking program which began in 2006.
Smallmouth bass	Fair	Nice fish possible in mouths of quality tributaries; also found around rock piles and walls.
Spotted bass	Fair	Sporadic catches of small to medium-sized fish; usually below dams but also around palisade rock wall areas.
Walleye	Fair	Present in low numbers due to escapement from reservoir in headwaters as well as stocking; good size fish possible below dams.
White bass	Good	Many 10-12 inch fish below dams. Numbers are increasing due to a stocking program which began in 2006.

\*These are considered "standing water species" and do best in the river after prolonged periods of low-flow conditions. High water or flooding conditions

<b>KINCAID LAKE</b>	183 acres (Pendleton County)	
Bluegill	Poor	Most fish are less than 6 inches.
Channel catfish	Good	4,000 channel catfish stocked annually; fish over 15 inches possible.
Crappie	Poor	Most between 7-9 inches.

Largemouth bass	Good	Good numbers of fish over 15 inches (best in over 12 years), excellent potential for a trophy fish. <u>Note:</u> 12-inch minimum size limit.
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**KINGFISHER LAKE**    36 acres    (Daviess County)

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Bluegill	Fair	Low, but increasing numbers; most fish 6-7 inches.
Channel catfish	Good	Stocked annually.
Largemouth bass	Poor/Fair	Population dominated by sub-legal fish. A late-summer oxygen depletion killed several of the larger bass, but

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**LAKE CARNICO**    114 acres    (Nicholas County)

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Bluegill	Fair	Numbers are low, however a few fish greater than 6 inches can be found.
Largemouth bass	Good	Good populations of bass; good numbers of fish greater than 15 inches and a few 20-inch bass are present.
Redear sunfish	Poor/Fair	Numbers are low, however a few fish greater than 5 inches can be found.

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**LAKE LINVILLE**    274 acres    (Rockcastle County)

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Bluegill	Good	Abundant 5-7 inch fish available. Good access for bank anglers.
Crappie	Fair	Most fish are 7-10 inches in length with a limited number of larger fish available.
Channel catfish	Good	Stocked during odd-numbered years. Good numbers of 10-16 inch fish with some fish over 20 inches available. Good bank fishing available.
Hybrid striped bass	Fair	Began annual stockings in 2007. Anglers should begin seeing catchable-sized hybrids in 2009.
Largemouth bass	Good	High density population of mostly smaller fish (<14 inches), although fish larger than 18 inches are available.
Smallmouth bass	Poor	Low density population.
Spotted bass	Fair	Abundant but most less than 12 inches.
White bass	Poor	Low density population.

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**LAKE MALONE**    826 acres    (Muhlenburg, Todd, and Logan counties)

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Bluegill	Fair/Good	Large number of 4-6 inch fish. Some larger fish available.
Channel catfish	Good	Stocked annually; good numbers available. <u>Note:</u> 12-inch size limit.
Crappie	Fair/Good	Moderate number of 9-10 inch fish. Fish brush piles and fallen trees along some of the steeper banks.
Largemouth bass	Excellent	Excellent stable population with large number of 15-20 inch fish. Many trophy fish available. Fish the shoreline waterwillow during spring and at night during summer with plastic baits. Fish submerged trees and
Redear sunfish	Fair/Good	Low numbers of redear, but good size (10-11 inch) fish available. Fish water willow edge along the shoreline in spring/early summer. Move to deeper submerged structure as weather warms.

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**LAKE REBA**    76 acres    (Madison County)

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Drought experienced during the last few years has had some positive and negative effects. Shoreline vegetation is becoming a problem. In 2007, grass carp were stocked and in 2008 chemicals were applied to reduce the shoreline vegetation. More grass carp and spraying is planned for 2009 to try to further reduce the amount of vegetation. Remember it is illegal to harvest grass carp from this lake.

Bluegill	Good	Abundant but very few larger than 6 inches. Many of these small fish tend to be found thick in the weed beds. Good opportunity for kids to catch a fish.
Channel catfish	Good	Stocked annually. Also many brown bullheads 12-15 inches long can be found in the lake.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Most bass are smaller than the 15-inch minimum size limit. Larger bass generally are in areas of the lake that need to be reached by boat. Several bass over 19 inches have been sampled. In the fall of 2008 several hundred 5-inch largemouth bass were stocked to offset a poor spawn and to try and thin the abundant sunfish population. <u>Note</u> : 15-inch minimum size limit.
Redear sunfish	Good	Fair numbers within the lake, most less than 7 inches. <u>Note</u> : see bluegill forecast.

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**LAKE WILGREEN** 169 acres (Madison County)

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Recent introductions (sources unknown) of gizzard shad have resulted in high numbers of both large and small individuals of this species. This could have

Bluegill	Fair	Healthy population up to 6 inches; after that numbers show a decline. This population may begin to decline as the bass feed on the shad rather than the sunfish. This may result in slow growth and overpopulation of
Largemouth bass	Good	Numbers of fish greater than 12 inches similar to previous years and a few bass larger than 20 inches are present. Fall sampling showed that the larger fish are heavy, probably the result of these fish being able to feed on the larger shad. Try fishing weed beds and woody debris.
Redear sunfish	Fair	Low number of fish were sampled in 2008; especially fish 6 inches and larger. <u>Note</u> : see bluegill forecast.

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**LAUREL RIVER LAKE** 5,829 acres (Whitley and Laurel counties)

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Bluegill	Good	Good numbers of 6-7 inch fish.
Crappie	Fair	Blacknose crappie stockings (2002-2007) have marginally improved the population although overall numbers remain low.
Largemouth bass	Good	Stable population of 14-18 inch fish available. Most bass are concentrated in the upper Laurel River arm. Fingerling largemouth bass have been stocked annually since 2005 to bolster weak year classes.
Rainbow trout	Good	Stocked annually. Should be good numbers of 10-14 inch trout. Occasional catches of larger fish. Best fishing at night from May–September. Try trolling during November–March.
Smallmouth bass	Excellent	Excellent winter fishery. Good numbers of 15-18 inch fish with some larger fish available. Best in mid and lower sections of the lake.
Spotted bass	Good	Stable population of 11-14 inch fish available; best in the mid and lower sections of the lake.
Walleye	Good	Good density of 17-22 inch fish. Fish at night for best chance at a larger fish.
White bass	Poor	Low density population. Best numbers in Laurel River arm.

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**MARION COUNTY LAKE** 32 acres (Marion County)

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Bluegill	Good	Good numbers of 6-inch fish.
Channel catfish	Good	All sizes available. Stocked annually.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Good numbers of 10-14 inch fish with an average number of 15-inch and larger fish.
Redear sunfish	Good	Good numbers of 6-8 inch fish. Larger fish found in the shallows early in the spring. Redear move to deeper water (7-8 feet) in summer months.

White Crappie	Fair	Large fish available; fish laydown trees in the upper end of the lake in spring and brushpiles in late winter and summer.
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<b>MARTINS FORK LAKE</b>	334 acres	(Harlan County)
Bluegill	Fair	Good numbers. Most harvested fish are 7.25 inches or less. Fish shallow mud flats in spring or summer.
Channel catfish	Good	Most fish are less than 20 inches; periodically stocked. Fish at night for better results as water is very clear.
Crappie	Fair	White crappie are present. Harvested fish are typically 9-10 inches. Crappie are scattered in shallow water in spring, and congregate in tight groups in standing timber in summer.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Excellent growth but low recruitment and low numbers. Recent stocking should improve numbers.
Walleye	Poor	The last stocking occurred in 2004. A few large fish are still available. Department is planning for stocking of native strain walleye in the future.

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<b>MAUZY LAKE</b>	85 acres	(Union County, Higginson-Henry WMA)
Bluegill	Poor/Fair	Population dominated by small (3-5 inch) fish.
Channel catfish	Good	Stocked annually; good numbers present.
Largemouth bass	Good/Excellent	Population continues to improve following 2003 renovation. Large number of 15-20 inch fish in the population. Some larger fish also present. Fish plastic baits and spinnerbaits around hardwood brush piles, especially in spring/early summer.

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<b>MCNEELY LAKE</b>	51 acres	(Jefferson County)
Bluegill	Good	Good numbers of fish through 8 inches.
Channel catfish	Good	Catchable-size stocked each year; large fish possible.
Common Carp	Fair	A few large fish present.
Crappie	Fair	Nice fish near weed beds and fallen trees, particularly in spring.
Largemouth bass	Good	Good numbers of fish over the 12-inch size limit. Best cover is water willows, fallen trees and stumps.
Redear sunfish	Good	Low numbers, but some quality fish present.
Warmouth	Fair	Large fish present around weed beds.

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<b>METCALFE COUNTY LAKE</b>	22 acres	(Metcalfe County)
Bluegill	Fair	Numerous fish available. Fair numbers of 6-7 inch fish.
Blue catfish	Fair	Trophy fish (30-inches+) available. Fish were stocked in 2002.
Crappie	Fair	Small size and not overly abundant.
Largemouth bass	Good	Fair numbers of 12-inch+ fish. Trophy fish (20-inch+) numbers above average.
Rainbow trout	Fair	600 fish stocked in March for a put and take fishery.

<b>MILL CREEK LAKE</b>	109 acres	(Monroe County)
Bluegill	Fair/Good	Good numbers of 6-inch fish.
Channel catfish	Fair	Stocked every other year.
Largemouth bass	Fair/Good	Good numbers of 12-inch+ fish available; larger fish present but at low densities.
Smallmouth bass	Fair	Low numbers; but trophy fish available.

<b>MILL CREEK LAKE</b>	41 acres	(Powell/Wolfe County – Natural Bridge State Park)
Clear, steep sided lake has limited bank access and is difficult to fish. Standing flooded timber and large boulders can be found in the upper portion of the		
Bluegill	Poor/Fair	Not overly abundant in the lake but 6 inch and greater fish are present.
Channel catfish	Good	Stocked annually.
Largemouth bass	Good	Numbers of fish greater than 15 inches similar to previous years. Overall, bass are not highly abundant but great opportunities to catch large healthy fish. Try fishing the upper portion of the lake in the flooded timber and due to the water clarity you may have to fish deeper. <u>Note</u> : 15-inch minimum size limit.
Rainbow trout	Excellent	Best time to fish is within the first few days after stocking; otherwise fair-to-good, usually at night during the warmer months.

<b>NOLIN RIVER LAKE</b>	5,795 acres	(Grayson, Edmonson and Hart counties)
Catfish	Good	<u>Channel catfish</u> - Good number of 15-20 inch fish. Several trophy fish available. Fish upper lake (Sportsman's Paradise and Cane Run) and river area in early spring and rocky main lake banks mid-May through June. <u>Flathead catfish</u> - lower numbers than channels but several large (30+ lbs) fish harvested annually. Fish late May through June on steeper rocky banks.
Crappie	Good	Decrease in number of 10-12 inch fish from last couple of years. Large number of 8-9 inch fish present. Average size of catch will decrease in 2009, but should increase in 2010.
Largemouth bass	Good	Increase in number of 15-inch and larger fish over last couple of years. Good population with increasing number of larger fish.
Walleye	Fair	Most fish in the 14-17 inch range with a few up to 20 inches. In early spring, fish Bacon Creek and above with lead head jigs and grub bodies. In summer, troll Sportsman's Paradise, Conoloway Creek, and main lake points.
White bass	Excellent	Excellent population of white bass. Many 13-15 inch fish. Fish Bacon Creek and upper river during spring spawning run with leadhead jigs and grubs. Fish main lake points and jumps in summer. Many fish caught at night under lights during summer with jigging spoons or minnows.

<b>OHIO RIVER</b>		
Blue catfish	Good	Good populations in tailwaters and deep holes around outside bends.
Channel catfish	Excellent	Look for silt-free, rocky habitat and embayments.
Common carp	Fair	Large fish possible. Tributaries and backwaters away from current are best areas. Also watch for increasing numbers of silver carp and bighead carp.
Crappie	Fair/Good	Backwater areas and creek mouths with brushy habitat are best producers.
Flathead catfish	Good	Potential for very large fish; look for cover such as sunken logs, boulders or other large objects.
Hybrid striped bass	Excellent	Fish up to 6 pounds in and around tailwaters.



Largemouth bass	Fair	Tributaries and backwaters away from current are best areas.
Sauger	Good	Spring and fall below dams with minnows or jigs on bottom.
Smallmouth bass	Fair	Low population in mid/upper river in sections of rocky habitat and tailwaters.
Spotted bass	Fair	Main channel around cover.
Striped bass	Fair	Mid-summer to late fall good for 6-10 pound fish.
Walleye	Fair	Occasionally found in tailwaters.
White bass	Good	Good population.

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**PAINTSVILLE LAKE and TAILWATER** 1,139 acres (Morgan and Johnson counties)

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Hydrilla is present at Paintsville Lake. Boaters are asked to take measures to prevent the spread of this damaging invasive species by properly inspecting

Channel catfish	Fair	Large catfish present in low densities in upper lake. Large fish are often located deep in the lower lake.
Crappie	Fair	Most of successful fishing is done on the upper end of the lake into Open Fork and Little Paint Creeks; fish sampled up to 15 inches.
Largemouth bass	Poor	High survival of young fish due in part to presence of hydrilla which offers ample cover. Stable population
Rainbow trout	Good	Good fishing in shallow water during winter-early spring; fair fishing in summer at depth of 20-25 feet. The catch and release portion of the tailwater can offer good quality rainbow and brown trout fishing.
Smallmouth bass	Poor	Poor recruitment; fish sampled up to 22 inches; 18-inch minimum size implemented in 2005. Changes made in water releases at dam in 2006 to improve summer cool water habitat. Supplemental stocking of native strain fish planned for 2009.
Spotted bass	Fair	Numbers down slightly; some large spotted bass present. Best fishing in lower half of lake.
Walleye	Fair	Good size distribution and density up to 20 inches; numbers of fish are improving. Potential for trophy size fish. Look for active fish to be suspended in March; also May and October are good months to fish with live night crawlers on a light jighead fished off the bottom. Limiting coolwater release in summer should continue to improve the walleye fishery.
White bass	Poor	Some reproduction during 2001 and 2002; many of these are now harvestable size; however, numbers are starting to decrease.

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**PAN BOWL LAKE** 98 acres (Breathitt County)

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Eurasian water milfoil is present in Panbowl Lake. Boaters are asked to take measures to prevent the spread of this damaging invasive species by

Bluegill	Good	Excellent numbers and size distribution up to about 7.5 inches throughout the lake. Fish early or late in the year when milfoil is not a problem.
Channel catfish	Good	Most fish are less than 20 inches; periodically stocked.
Crappie	Fair	Black and white crappie are present; fish sampled up to 12 inches; most are less than 9 inches. Fish tend to congregate in tight groups.
Largemouth bass	Good	Very good size distribution of fish up to 12 inches and above 18 inches; lake contains a large amount of aquatic vegetation providing cover for large fish.
Redear sunfish	Good	Excellent numbers and size distribution up to about 9 inches. May and June are good months to fish around weed beds.

<b>PENNYRILE LAKE</b> 47 acres (Christian County)		
Bluegill	Fair	Some very large bluegill are present, as a result of the stunted bass population. Numerous fish less than 6 inches also present.
Channel catfish	Good	Good numbers of catfish 12-15 inches, and a few larger individuals present as well. Fishing around fallen trees and beaver huts with night crawler or cheese bait should provide success.
Crappie	Poor	Low overall numbers of crappie, but those present are large.
Largemouth bass	Fair	A quiet and scenic lake with high numbers of bass 12 inches and smaller. It is a great place to take kids fishing! <u>Note</u> : bass are protected between 12-15 inches.
Redear sunfish	Fair	Numerous fish in the 7-9 inch range. Few redear present greater than 10 inches. Try fishing a small piece of nightcrawler under a cork near the bottom for best success.

<b>REBEL TRACE LAKE</b> 19 acres (Menifee county)		
Eurasian water milfoil has covered a good portion of the lake; therefore fishing may be difficult, especially in the fall. Grass carp have been stocked in 2007		
Bluegill	Fair	Good numbers of 6-inch bluegill are present with an occasional 8-inch fish caught. Fish shallow shoreline areas and downed timber in spring.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Lake receives heavy pressure therefore fewer numbers of bass are caught. Though limited, fish up to 19
Redear sunfish	Good	Good population of 7-inch fish with some 9-inch fish present.

<b>ROUGH RIVER LAKE and Tailwater</b> 5,100 acres (Breckinridge and Grayson counties)		
Catfish	Good	Good number of channel catfish. Lower number of flathead catfish, but trophy fish available. Tailwater good in early summer and again during fall drawdown. Fish upper lake areas in early spring and moderately steep rocky banks during mid May-June for spawning fish.
Crappie	Good	Good number of 9-11 inch fish in the population. Anglers should see an increase in the number and size of crappie caught in 2009. Tailwater provides a good early spring crappie fishery.
Hybrid striped bass	Excellent	Large number of fish over 15 inches. Many trophy fish available. Fish upper lake areas in spring and main lake (Dam to Tules Creek on north fork and Dam to Little Clifty Creek on south fork) for summer jumps. Troll main lake points in summer and fall. Tailwater good in spring (April).
Largemouth bass	Good	Good numbers of fish in the 12-15 inch and 15-inch and larger size groups. Stable population with numbers in all size ranges similar over last several years.

<b>SHANTY HOLLOW LAKE</b> 135 acres (Warren and Edmonson counties)		
Bluegill	Fair	Expect 6-7 inch fish.
Channel catfish	Good	All sizes available. Stocked annually.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Fair numbers of keeper sized fish (15-inches+). Good numbers of 12-14 inch fish.
Redear sunfish	Fair	Larger fish (8-inch+) available. Fishing best in late March to mid-April.

<b>SMOKY VALLEY LAKE</b> 36 acres (Carter County – Carter Caves State Park)		
Bluegill	Fair	Fairly common 7-inches or less, but very few 8-inch bluegill present.

Channel catfish	Good	Stocked annually. Limb lines (set lines), jug lines, and trot lines are illegal to use at this lake.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Most fish appear to be less than 12 inches in size in spite of the minimum size limit. As a result, the minimum size limit on bass will be removed in 2009 in an effort to restore the population. There will still be a 6 fish creel limit. Improvements can only be made if anglers remove some of the small fish.

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**SPURLINGTON LAKE**    36 acres    (Taylor County)

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Bluegill	Fair	Fair numbers of 6-inch+ fish.
Channel catfish	Good	All sizes present. Stocked annually.
Largemouth bass	Good	Good numbers of 15-inch and larger fish available.

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**TAYLORSVILLE LAKE**    3,050 acres    (Spencer, Anderson and Nelson counties)

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Blue catfish	Excellent	Population increasing; stocked annually since 2002. Fish with live bait, cut bait or crankbaits (open water areas). Fish up to 30 inches possible.
Bluegill	Good	Good number of fish 6 inches and longer around standing timber in coves.
Channel catfish	Good	Many fish of all sizes. Look for bigger fish in the timber in spring, head of creeks in fall, and points next to
Crappie	Fair	Good number of fish at and above the 9-inch size limit. Black crappie now dominate population. Good spawns of black crappie noted last year. <u>Note:</u> Daily creel limit 15 fish.
Hybrid striped bass	Fair	Overall numbers lower, but fair numbers of fish greater than 15 inches. Fish up to 30 inches are possible. In spring and fall, there is good fishing in headwaters. Look for jumps early and late in day July-September.
Largemouth bass	Good	Good numbers of 12-18 inch fish. Best in timber coves; try embayments in spring and fall.
White bass	Fair	Good numbers in Salt River above the lake in spring (with good flow from rains) and fall; many 10-13 inch fish present.

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**THREE SPRINGS LAKE**    30 acres    (Warren County)

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Bluegill	Fair	Fair numbers of 6-8 inch fish.
Channel catfish	Good	Good sized fish available (15-inch+). Stocked annually.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Numerous fish available; few fish larger than 15 inches, but some trophies (20-inch+) are present.
Rainbow Trout	Fair	1,000 fish stocked in January for put and take fishing.
Redear	Excellent	Better than average number of larger fish (7-inch+) available; some trophies (10-12 inch+) present.

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**WASHBURN LAKE**    26 acres    (Ohio County)

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Bluegill	Fair	Low numbers, but population improving. Several 6-7 inch bluegill now present.
Channel catfish	Fair/Good	Stocked annually.
Largemouth bass	Good	Population has improved the last couple of years (lake renovated and restocked in 2000). Good number of fish over 12 inches available. Some 16-19 inch fish now in the population.

<b>WEST FORK DRAKES RESERVOIR</b>	88 acres	(Simpson County)
Bluegill	Good	Good numbers of 6-inch+ fish.
Channel catfish	Good	Numerous sizes available.
Largemouth bass	Fair	Lots of fish from 10-13 inches. Average numbers of bigger fish.
Redear sunfish	Good	Better than average number of 7-8 inch fish present.
<b>WOOD CREEK LAKE</b>	672 acres	(Laurel County)
Bluegill	Fair	Numerous small bluegill. Fair numbers of larger (6-7 inch) bluegill.
Channel catfish	Excellent	Abundant 12-18 inch fish available; occasional catches of fish up to 5 pounds.
Crappie	Fair	Good density of smaller fish with relatively few fish exceeding 9 inches. <u>Note</u> : the 9-inch size limit is removed effective March 2009.
Largemouth bass	Good	Good numbers of 14-18 inch fish; trophy potential with several fish exceeding 18 inches.
Rainbow trout	Fair	Stocked annually.
Redear sunfish	Fair	Fairly low numbers but several 8 inch and larger redeer available. Mid and lower lake areas are best.
Smallmouth bass	Poor	Low density in the lake.
Spotted bass	Fair	Most are 10-12 inches. Mid and lower lake areas are best.
Walleye	Fair	Native strain stockings (annually since 2002) have established a low density fishery. Some very large fish (10 lbs+) are available, although the overall population remains relatively low.
<b>YATESVILLE LAKE</b>	2,314 acres	(Lawrence County)
Bluegill	Good	Excellent numbers and size distribution up to about 7.5 inches throughout the lake.
Channel catfish	Good	Quality size distribution and densities of catfish exist in all areas of the lake; during fall/early winter many fish are shallow in upper lake.
Crappie	Good	Very high numbers of small fish. Good numbers of harvestable fish from 9-14 inches with the occasional fish up to 17 inches. The upper lake is a good area during spring and late fall.
Flathead catfish	Fair	Good size distribution with fair numbers, rocky shoreline and brush will have better numbers.
Largemouth bass	Good	Good size distribution of fish with good numbers of 15-inch+ fish. Largemouth have seen three consecutive good spawning years. Large fish are found on deep structure in early fall.